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*To the  
Descendants of the Founders  
and to the  
Graduates and Students of Knox College  
Scattered Abroad,  
In the Home Land, in Foreign Lands  
and in the Islands of the Seas,  
This Book is Dedicated*

*The Diamond Jubilee  
June, 1912*

*Dedication of the Memorial Volume  
"Seventy-five Significant Years,"  
by  
Martha Farnham Webster*

## THE NEW YEAR AT KNOX

The college year of 1912-13 has opened well and promises to be one of the typically successful years of college history. The enrollment is gratifying. One hundred and twenty-two new students have entered this fall, of whom one hundred and eight are regular freshmen. The entire enrollment stands as follows:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Graduate Students ..... | 7     |
| Seniors .....           | 56    |
| Juniors .....           | 56    |
| Sophomores .....        | 73    |
| Freshmen .....          | 108   |
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## THE NEW INSTRUCTORS

Several new instructors have taken their places on the Knox faculty this year, who, without exception, have fitted admirably into their positions in the college and have entered heartily into its life. Professor Frank U. Quillin, A. B. (Ohio Wesleyan), M. A. (Harvard), Ph. D. (Michigan), is filling the chair of economics. Professor Harry H. Reichard, A. B. (Lafayette), Ph. D. (Johns Hopkins), is Professor Willard's successor in the department of German. Prof. W. A. Waterman, Yale '94, for several years professor in natural science at Fiske University, is now associated in the work of the biological department under the direction of Professor Neal. Mr. Louis Eich, Michigan, '12, is directing the department of public speaking during Professor Watkins' absence, who is this year at Harvard on the terms of the exchange professorship. The department of physical training for women is now under the direction of Miss Jessie E. Spore, Oberlin, '10; she takes the place of Miss Wickwire, who resigned last June. An addition to the forces of the Conservatory is Professor Ernest B. Chamberlain, who also comes from Oberlin.

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Howard Leinbaugh, '13, was Knox's representative in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Eureka, November 8. The subject of his oration was "Dynamic Patriotism." Mr. Leinbaugh won second place, Monmouth taking first.

# THE STORY OF KNOX COLLEGE: 1837-1912

"SEVENTY-FIVE SIGNIFICANT YEARS" — MEMORIAL BOOK NOW READY —  
CONTENTS AND AIM OF WORK.

After the usual delays which accompany the publication of most books, the volume prepared under the direction of the college as a memorial of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding is now ready for distribution and sale. **This work will be found intensely interesting** by all generations of Knox students and by all citizens of Galesburg—for the history of the college and that of the community in its early days were one.

**The author of the book**, Mrs. Martha Farnham Webster, has been all her life intimately connected with the affairs of this community. She is recognized as an authority on matters relating to its history, and in this work has taken the utmost care to verify the record. The story is told with vivacity and with a keen sense of its dramatic interest.

In addition to the historical narrative the book contains also a **very complete account of the anniversary exercises** last June, including full reports of the baccalaureate sermon, the alumni address by Edgar A. Bancroft, the memorial poem, "The Pioneers," by Geo. Candee Gale, addresses by President John H. Finley and President Charles A. Blanchard, complete programs of all events, and a list of Knox graduates and former students who were in attendance, together with the official representatives of other institutions. It is a book of over two hundred pages, handsomely bound in the college colors, and profusely illustrated with views and portraits many of which are now published for the first time. These portraits constitute a remarkable collection and are of great historical value. The press work, which is finely done, is by the Wagoner Printing Company. The edition is limited to 1,000 copies.

When this memorial volume was announced last June and advance orders were solicited, it was stated that the price would be \$1.25. It will be delivered at that price to all who subscribed for it in advance, but the cost of producing the book has been so great that the college is now compelled to raise the price to \$1.50.

## SPECIMEN PAGES

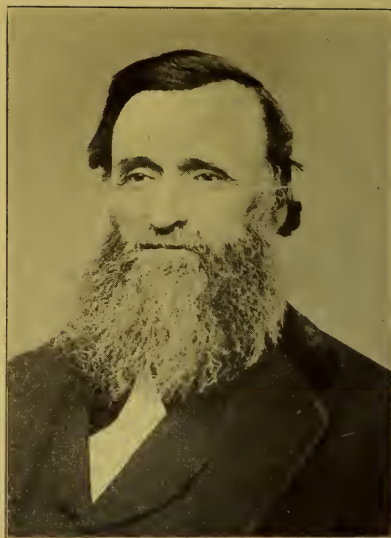
### CHAPTER V

#### HITHERWARD BY LAND

As early in the spring of 1836 as the roads would permit, "the advance guard of the army of occupation," under the leadership of



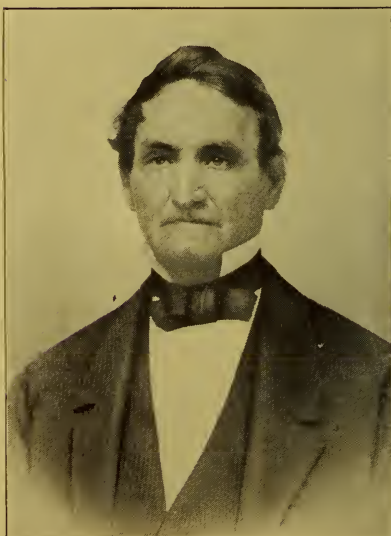
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MEN PROMINENT IN THE EARLY LIFE OF THE COLONY

From "Seventy-five Significant Years."



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MARY ALLEN WEST

# WOMEN OF THE COLONY

From "Seventy-five Significant Years."

Nehemiah West, left their pleasant homes in New York and started westward.

They journeyed in strong, well-built, canvas-covered wagons, drawn by patient plodding horses. Their rate of progress was that of about as many miles per day as the average railway train covers in an hour.

The weeks came and went, and the train of wagons moved steadily forward. The Sabbath came, and the train was side-tracked for a day of rest, in obedience to God's command, and in pursuance of their fixed purpose, and that of all the colonists, not to travel on the Sabbath day. A place of worship was sought and, if none could be found within convenient reach, they set up an altar in their midst and worshipped there.

As they thus rested and worshipped, they were frequently passed by other "movers" who had thus joined the great exodus of that period from the New England and Eastern states to the middle West, and who were ambitious to save time by traveling on Sunday. But it is stated on good authority that never once did they fail to overtake them, and in their turn leave them behind before the next Saturday night.

Four long weeks measured their slow and toilsome length before the new home was reached, but at last their pilgrimage was ended and they beheld the city of their dreams.

And what did they look upon? Not a city of "cloudcapped towers and gorgeous palaces," not a city of churches and school houses, as were their own familiar Utica and Albany; not even the pretty peaceful village nestling at the foot of the green hills, from which they had turned their faces as they bade good-bye to home and friends; but just a few rude log cabins, standing in the edge of a grove that bordered an apparently limitless expanse of trackless, treeless prairie.

It was on the second day of June, 1836, that they arrived at the city of their habitation.

Mary Allen West thus describes the scene to us: "Had we stood then where we now stand, we could have seen nothing but the broad sea-like prairie, with its billows of verdure rippling away, wave after wave, till they broke on the forest shore in the distance. Across this trackless prairie wound a small cavalcade of canvas-covered wagons, the only moving things on the scene. Leaving the site of Galesburg to the left, they directed their course to the grove which skirts the prairie on the north-west. Here they stopped before a log cabin of the rudest structure. But in spite of the rudeness of their future home, each heart was filled with joy and thankfulness that their long journey was ended and their promised land reached.

The grand old trees, through which the summer wind sang a sweet welcome to the pilgrims, the magnificent prairie decked in its gala robes of green and purple and gold, and God's blessed sunlight resting over all, like a benediction: oh! it was a loving welcome Dame Nature gave our fathers on that June day so many years ago."

This company consisted of twenty-one persons: Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah West and their five children; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Conger with seven children; Miss Elizabeth Hudson, afterward Mrs. Henry Ferris; Mr. Barber Allen and his son, Daniel, and the young men, John G. West and Abram Tyler. It is of interest to trace the route by which they came. Leaving Cayuga, N. Y., they went in their wagons to Buffalo, thence by lake to Detroit, and from Detroit by wagons again to their place of destination.

This first company was especially fortunate in having no delays of any kind during the trip, and they made it in about a month. Other companies were six weeks and even longer on the way. But with these, not one day's travel was hindered by rain or sickness, or other untoward circumstances. Often timely showers in the night allayed the dust and rendered the next day's drive delightful.

And yet, many were the hardships they encountered by the way. For example, upon reaching Chicago, then a small village of a few hundred inhabitants, they could find no public house large enough to accomodate so large a company. Almost in despair, as night drew on, a friend of Mr. West gained permission for them to pass the night in a house which was on rollers, in process of being moved. The man who was moving the house had gone home before they took possession and knew nothing of the incident. While they were at breakfast the next morning he returned and made preparations to move, unconscious of the passengers within. This caused a stampede inside the house, and the man, astounded at the sudden apparition of heads at doors and windows, dropped his tackle and addressed them in language more forcible than elegant. The incident, although having furnished them with shelter for the night, also occasioned them much inconvenience and discomfort because of having to leave their unfinished breakfast and pack up and move out.

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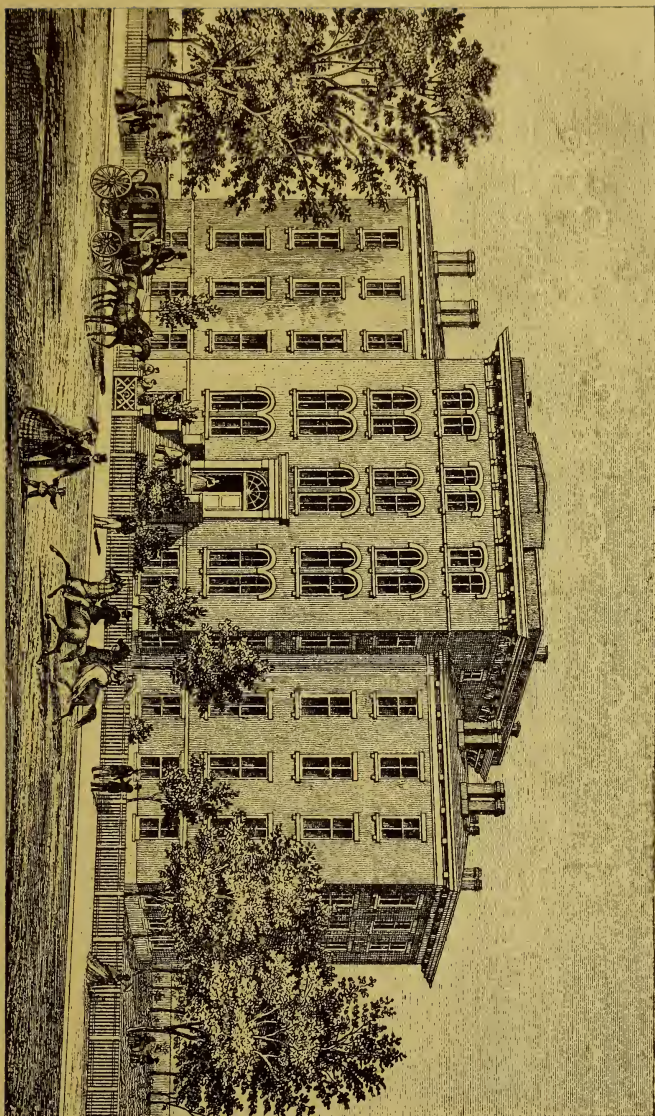
## SOME COMMENTS ON THE BOOK

"The new volume on Knox college prepared by Mrs. Martha Farnham Webster, is the most valuable yet written about that institution, and furnishes a wealth of information regarding the founders of the city and the work of the institution which they held in such high esteem.



CENTRAL COLLEGE, 1857 (From an Old Cut)

From "Seventy-five Significant Years."



THE SEMINARY, 1857 (From an Old Cut)

From "Seventy-five Significant Years."

Mrs. Webster is known for her ability and skill as a writer and this volume will enhance her reputation. It also discloses much research. The matter is well arranged.

We can but commend this volume to the alumni and friends of the college and to all others who wish to know something about the founding of the college and the city and the subsequent development of this famous institution.”—Fred R. Jelliff, in the *Republican-Register*.

From W. P. Northup, M. D., New York City :

“The book has just come. It so fascinates me that I am afraid my lecture for to-morrow will suffer. I cannot leave it. It is too interesting to wait and I am constantly picking it up and dipping in. It must have been a tremendous task, and how did you secure so many illustrations? I shall read it and re-read it. What you say of the men I knew is very satisfying. Your tribute to Dr. Bateman is beautiful. Professors Comstock and Hurd filled my cup of admiration full. \* \* It is most interesting to me, both to read it and to see the faces.”

From Miss Julia Waters Johnston, Peoria, Ill., grand-daughter of Rev. John Waters, “a prominent and picturesque figure in the early life of the colony:”

“I am so anxious to express my satisfaction upon receipt of your wonderful history of ‘Seventy-Five Significant Years,’ which came yesterday. I am sending by this mail the payment due, but much more is due to you for the admirable story as you have written it. I am exceedingly pleased with the mention of my ancestors. \* \* \* The pictures have come out wonderfully. All the portraits are fascinating.”

From Hon. Clark E. Carr, president, Illinois State Historical Society, in a personal letter to the author :

“While there have been heretofore accounts of epochs and events in the history of the college, they were all incomplete and fragmentary. Your book is a finished and reliable history of the institution in which we are all so deeply interested—not only from its founding, but from its first inception; giving a full and satisfying account of when, and how, and where, and by whom the glorious college was conceived. You have in your splendid work, without unnecessary detail, given such an account of the institution from its beginning as will attract every one, who reads, to her and intensify for her the affection and devotion of all of us who have in any degree been connected with her.”

From Erastus S. Willcox, Librarian, Peoria Public Library :

"I cannot tell you how glad I am, how proud I am to possess so well written and illustrated a history of those times, so dear to me as a memory. Mrs. Webster has made herself immortal in the annals of Galesburg and Knox College by her splendid achievement."

From Miss Julia C. Kellogg, daughter of the first President :

"It shows great and patient research. \* \* My chief gratification was of course in the history of the earlier years—and this book answering many questions in my own desire for more light has been very thankfully received."

"I have read it with the greatest interest."

—Mrs. Samantha Whipple Shoup, '69.

"It is a solid service, not only to Knox College, but to the history of college education."

—Edgar A. Bancroft, '78.

"A very beautiful and interesting volume to old friends of Knox College and Galesburg."

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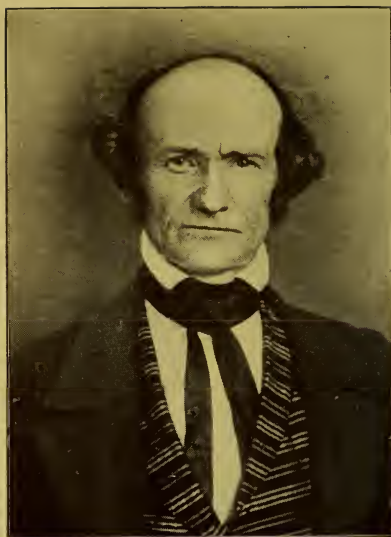
"This is a fine compilation of Knox College history ; it ought to be appreciated by all interested in the College." —John H. Boys, '93.

"The very successful accomplishment of a very difficult undertaking."

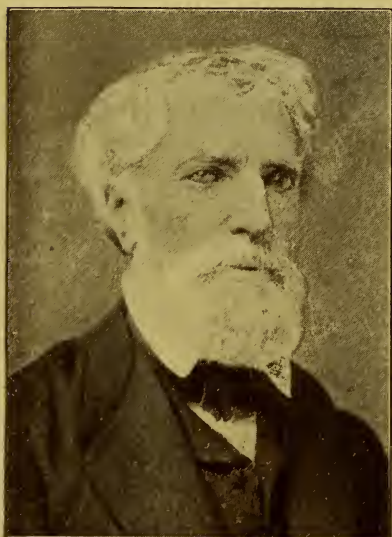
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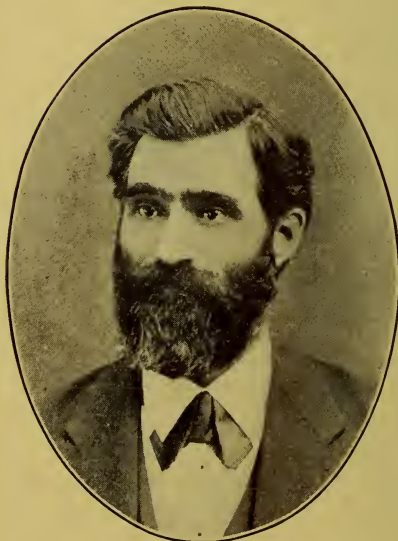
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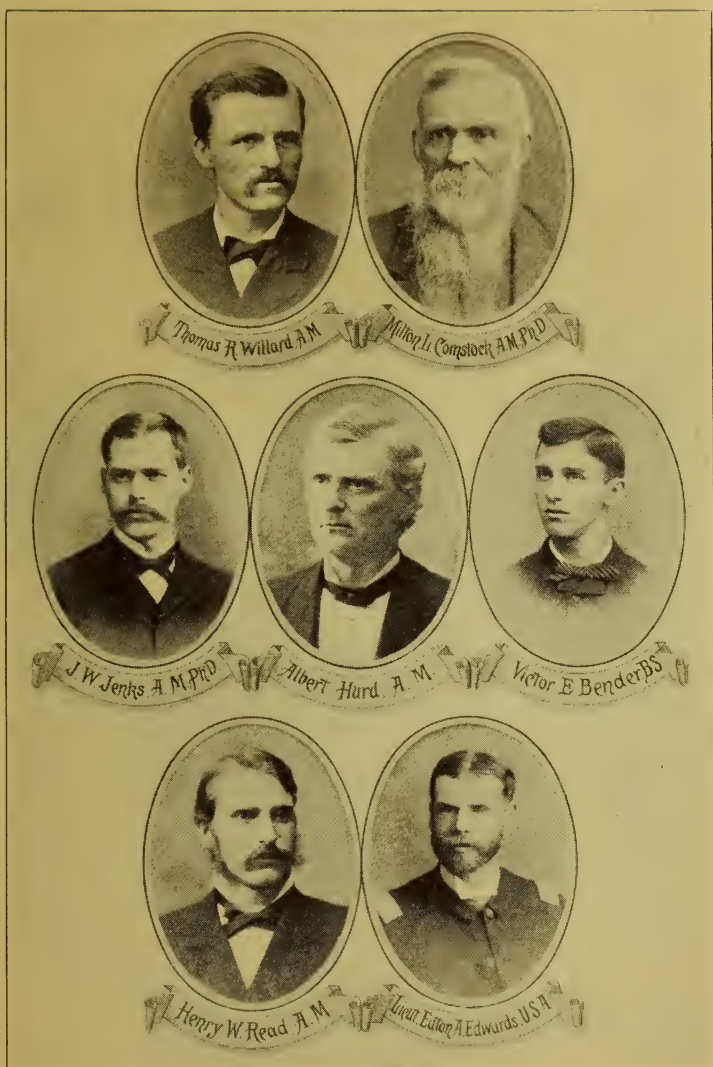
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MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY, 1858

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# A FACULTY GROUP, 1888

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KNOX SEMINARY GIRLS OF THE SIXTIES

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